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1. WE ARE BECOMING A BIT CONCERNED ABOUT THE SAXBE VISIT. JOHN HAWES' EARLIER LETTER INDICATED HE WAS INTERESTED IN MEETING A BROAD RANGE OF INDIANS; REF A SAID THE DELHI VISIT WAS "MAINLY FOR SIGHT-SEEING". OUR DESIRE, OF COURSE, IS TO BE HELPFUL TO THE SENATOR AND HIS AIDE IN FULFILLING WHATEVER THEY HAVE IN MIND FOR THE DELHI STOP.

IF THEY WISH TO CALL ON OR MEET SOCIALLY WITH CERTAIN INDIANS OR CATEGORIES OF INDIANS, WE WILL NEED TO KNOW FAIRLY SOON.

2. AS YOU KNOW, THE AMBASSADOR INVITED THE SAXBES AND HOILES TO LUNCH ON AUGUST 9 AND PROPOSED A GUEST LIST (REFS B AND C). THE INVITATIONS SHOULD GO OUT TOMORROW, IF WE ARE TO EXPECT ACCEPTANCES FROM SUITABLY HIGH-LEVEL PEOPLE. (FYI -- MRS. MOYNIHAN NOW PREFERS TO INVITE POLITICAL LEADERS, SUCH AS MINISTER RAGHU RAMAIAH, DMK LEADER SEZHIYAN, SPEAKER DHILLON, AND V.N. GADGIL (AND THEIR WIVES) VICE THE

OFFICIALS MENTIONED REF B.)

3. HOWARD HOUSTON AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO GIVE DINNERS FOR THE PARTY ASSUMING THAT THEY WOULD APPRECIATE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW AND EXTEND ACQUAITANCESHIPS IN INDIA (REF C). I HAD IN MIND SUCH POSSI-BILITIES AS K.C. PANT, SURENDRA PAL SINGH, AND AGRICULTURE SECRETARY
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T P SINGH (AND WIVES). HOWARD IS LEANING TOWARD ECONOMIC AND

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SCIENTIFIC OFFICIALS. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, BE JUST AS HAPPY TO GIVE VERY INFORMAL, FAMILY-STYLE DINNERS, IF THE VISITORS WOULD PREFER THEM.

4. COULD YOU CALL THE SENATOR'S OFFICE AND GET A CLEARER IDEA OF WHAT HE AND HIS AIDE HAVE IN MIND AND A SPECIFIC RESPONSE ON THE AMBASSADOR'S LUNCHEON? AN IMMEDIATE REPLY WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL.SCHNEIDER

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